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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Report on the working of the Department of Land Records, Survey and Settlement for the year 1944-45.

EAD—

Letter No. Secn. 16, dated the 20th September 1945, from the Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records in Mysore, submitting a report with statistical returns on the working of the Department of Land Records, Survey and Settlement for the year 1944-45.

ORDER NO. R. 3419-28—L. I. 13-45-2, DATED BANGALORE,
THE 29TH NOVEMBER 1945.

Recorded.

2. The important changes made in the administrative charge of the department during the year (1944-45) were (a) the Department of Land Records was again placed under the administrative control of the Revenue Commissioner with the designation of Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records and an officer of the grade of a Deputy Commissioner was placed in immediate charge of the department as Superintendent of Land Records, Survey and Settlement (*Vide* Government Order No. R. 3038-97—C. B. 243-44-1, dated 10th March 1945); (b) Mandya District was continued as a separate survey charge throughout the year.

3. *Field work done during the year.*—(i) Survey, classification, re-classification, bandh pahani and other miscellaneous works were carried out in 73 inam villages, involving 5,493 Survey Nos. and 2,999 hissas, comprising an extent of 12,751 acres and 32 guntas against 18,731 acres and 36 guntas in 657 Survey Nos. and 4,276 hissas in 93 inam villages in the preceding year. (ii) Six thousand eight hundred and twenty-three darkhast phod and other records in Government villages were disposed of against 7,908 in the year previous. (iii) Phod and measurement work was done in 5,571 (4,835) Government

acres 39 guntas). (iv) Classification work was done in 1,994 (2,025) villages in respect of 7,714 (7,617) survey numbers involving an area of 33,345 acres and 12 guntas (31,198 acres 31 guntas); (v) The Land Records and Record of Rights staff detected 599 cases of encroachment comprising an area of 169 acres 5 guntas with a probable assessment of Rs. 425.

4. *Inams.*—The total number of land inams resumed during the year was 23 which resulted in a decrease of Rs. 53-15-0 under jodi and net increase in the land revenue by Rs. 219-3-0.

5. *Remuneration to Patels and Shanbhogs.*—The department attended to the revision of potgi of the village officers of 958 villages and refixing of potgi in accordance with Government Order No. R. 1744-55—L. R. 58-43-3, dated 3rd October 1944, of 211 villages leaving a balance of 2,268 villages, under the decennial revision and 11,267 villages under refixing of potgi.

6. *Record of Rights Scheme.*—Hissa survey field work was done in three taluks and in 16 inam villages and tapasani (checking work) was conducted in respect of five taluks and 16 inam villages by the department during the year. The number of hissas measured during the field season was 71,050 (81,872) and the number of hissas checked during the monsoon season was 79,988 (84,452). The Record of Rights executive staff attended in addition to the preparation of the Record of Rights and Index of Lands Registers in respect of four taluks, the number of entries made in the two registers being 1,42,505 and 1,63,567 respectively. Under mutation 37,940. (36,044)

7. *Maps.*—During the year under report, maps of 18 villages (124) were prepared, of which 7 (19) were those of inam villages. Changes and corrections made in the original maps of villages in the Durasti Branch were duly incorporated in 29,418 printed copies of maps. The number of village, taluk, district and provisional maps supplied to the public and to the other departments on payment of cost during the year was 2,312 and the amount realised was Rs. 2,840. The number of maps used for departmental work was 755 valued at Rs. 925. Four lakhs fifty thousand four hundred and twenty-eight village, taluk, etc., maps valued at Rs. 4,97,798 were held in stock in the Central Office at the close of the year and 15,352 village and taluk maps of the value of Rs. 17,977 were sent to the taluks for making them available for sale to the public in accordance with Government Order No. R. 3870-81—L. R. 22-44-2, dated 5th December 1944.

8. *Tours and Inspections.*—The Commissioner for Settlement and Land Records toured for 57 days during the year and the Superintendent of Land Records toured for 33 days bringing the total number of days toured to 90. They tested the field work done by the Surveyors and re-tested the work done by Supervisors and the District Survey Officers in all the district charges and also inspected the preparation of Index of Land and Records of Rights Registers in the districts of Mysore, Hassan and Bangalore where these items of work were done in

progress. The Commissioner and the Superintendent of Land Records have inspected all the seven District Survey Offices, the Central Office, 19 Taluk Offices and the work of the Mobile party in Arsikere, Tiptur, Bowringpet, Chintamani, Mudgere and Bangalore South Taluks and conducted test inspections with a view to ascertain the stage of Land Records and Record of Rights maintenance work in all the taluks. The District Survey Officers of Bangalore, Hassan, Shimoga and Kolar Districts toured for more than 150 days. There was a fall in the number of touring days of the District Survey Officers of Mysore and Tumkur, while the District Survey Officer, Mandya, toured for only 86 days, which is explained as due to the District Survey Officer being on leave for a long period and no independent officer having been posted to the charge during this period. The District Survey Officers inspected in detail the survey records maintained in the Taluk Offices in their charges and their own offices.

9. *Cost of the Department.*—The total cost of the department amounted to Rs. 3,50,851 (3,42,945), of which the Land Records Department cost Rs. 1,63,883 (1,61,079) and the Record of Rights Scheme (Preliminary stage) amounted to Rs. 1,86,968 (1,81,866).

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